

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A pipe fitting comprising a hollow body and at least one open end for connection to a pipe, the open end including

an internally threaded portion having a wall with a thickness between internal and external diameters of the internally threaded portion, and internal screw threads for connection to a pipe, and

an integral extension collar which has adjacent the internally threaded portion, having an inner diameter larger than an the internal diameter of the internal screw threads internally threaded portion, for surrounding unused trailing screw threads of a pipe connected to the pipe fitting, for and forming an annular gap with a pipe connected to the fitting, and for holding a sealing compound, wherein the extension collar has a wall thickness comparable to the fitting where the internal screw threads are located substantially equal to the wall thickness of the internally threaded portion, and an outer diameter larger than the fitting where the internal screw threads are located outer diameter of the internally threaded portion.

2. (Previously Amended) The pipe fitting as claimed in claim 1, wherein the screw threads are tapered outwards with respect to an axis of the open end.

3. (Previously Amended) The pipe fitting as claimed in claim 1, made of a galvanised iron material.

4. (Currently Amended) The pipe fitting as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fitting is selected from the group consisting of an elbow joint, a T joint, a straight joint, and an end cap.

5. (Original) The pipe fitting as claimed in claim 2, made of a galvanised iron material.

6. (Currently Amended) The pipe fitting as claimed in claim 2, wherein the fitting is selected from the group consisting of an elbow joint, a T joint, a straight joint, and an end cap.